



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Hochschuler et al.

Confirmation No. 7691

Application No.: 10/804,761

Examiner: D. Davis

Filed: March 19, 2004

Group Art Unit: 3733

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2006, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants, through their attorney, elect Group I, Species A and Group II, Species 11 consisting of claims 22, 29, 30-34, and 36-37, without traverse. Please cancel claims 38, 52, 63 and 64 without prejudice. Applicants request that claims 20-21, 35, 39-51, and 53-62 be withdrawn.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

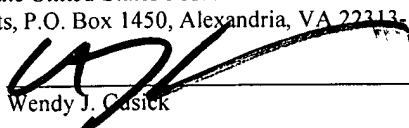
B. Remarks

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